PRICE TWO CENTS.

MAY FIGHT AT ZAND RIVER.

ROBERTS RECONNOITRES AND PINDS BOERS THERE IN FORCE,

Main Column Held at Smaldeel by Delay in Bringing Up Supplies Indications That Buller Is Preparing to Move in Natal-May Advance Through Van Reenens Pass to Join Gen. French-Gen. Hunter's Success.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. LONDON, May 8.-The War Office received the following despatch from Gen. Roberts this

SMAIDEEL, May 7.—The Highland Brigade s occupied Winburg. The railway between Brandfort and Smaldeel is considerably damaged and the bridge over the Vet River hopelessly so, which has delayed the bringing forward of supriles. Charges of rackarock were discovered laid under the rails every few bundred yards."

Later this despatch was received: "SMALDEEL, May 8, 10.20 A. M .- Hutton, with the mounted infantry, reconnoitred yesterday to Zand River. He found the enemy in considerable force. Adwood's brigade of cavalry with Ian Hamilton's force performed the same operation with much the same result.

Hunter reports that he occupied Fourteen Streams yesterday without opposition, owing in a great measure to the able disposition made by Gen. Paget on the left bank of the Vaal at Warrenton, where his artillery rendered the enemy's position untenable. The 6-inch gun was found most useful. As the Sixth and half of the Fifth Brigade of infantry advanced under cover of the artillery the enemy retired precipitately, abandoning clothes, ammunition and personal effects."

A despatch from Smaldeel, dated May 7, says "Gen. Hutton has advanced and camps tonight at Lodgelegen (Welgelegen?) station. The railway is expected to be finished south of

the Vet River to-night." A despatch from Thaba N'Chu of yesterday's date says: "Brabant foined Rundle here yesterday. Everything is quiet. The Boers

have disappeared. LONDON, May 9 - The official despatches of yesterday tell practically all the news of the campaign in South Africa. Gen. Roberts remains at Smaldeel, where the damaged condition of the railway and the consequent difficulty in forwarding supplies will probably keep him for some days. All the farms in the district are being visited, and cattle, horses and forage are being seized, receipts being given therefor. Gen. Hamilton has moved ten miles north of Winburg. He keeps in touch with headquarters through Gen. Tucker, who is midway between

Gen. Roberts and Gen. Hamilton. The expectation now grows that the Boers will put up a stiff fight at Zand River. Nothing definite can be learned of the direction taken by the burghers who retired from Thaba N'Chu, though it is supposed that they moved east, intending to clear out the cattle, sheep and forage from the Ladybrand district to prevent the

British from seizing them. Despatches from the English correspondents at Warrenton represent the Boers as again sacrificing their strong and most skiifully prepared positions to their dread of being surrounded. Gen. Hunter's rapid march after his success at Rooi Dam seems to have surprised them. Gen. Hunter's force is stronger than was estimated He has, in addition to the troops already known to be with him, half of Gen. Hart's brigade from Natal, these troops having presumably joined him by way of Bethulie. The fature movements of this large tody cannot be guessed at, but it is in no wise certain that it is destined for the relief of Mafeking. A report from Pretoria states that it is proceeding to Vryburg.

The report recurs that a British column has reached Taungs, thirty-six miles north of the Vasl River. If this report is true the column cannot be any part of Gen. Hunter's command, but is presumably the much rumored column from Kimberley.

There are some indications that Gen. Buller will shortly move in Natal. It is stated that cavalry reconnoissances have shown that the country as far west as Van Reenen's Pass is free of Boers. A despatch from Ladysmith records a general movement by Gen. Buller's army on Monday in consequence of rumors of an impending attack on Elandslaagte No engagement resulted, but the activity seems to have stirred the Boers, who subsequently sent out scouts in all directions to learn the significance of the movement. On of these patrols nearly surrounded the British at the Elandstaagte colliery, but hastily retreated after an exchange of shots, losing one

Speculation favors the idea that Gen. Bullet will move westward and perhaps join Gen

A despatch from Aliwal North states that no thorough disarmament of the residents in the couthern part of the Orange Free State has yet been effected. Small parties of Boers, armed and unarmed, have been seen about Zastron, Vechtkoop and Elandsberg. It is possible that they are deserters who are trying to reach their

The news from Mafeking now comes down to April 29. The scarcity of food had not been re li-vod and everybody had empty stomachs and pinched faces.

A despatch to the Daily Matl from Lorenzo Marques, of Tuosday's date, says it is reported there that when Kroonstad falls the seat of the Free State Government will be removed to Heilbron, which is to the northeast of Kroonstad, on a branch of railway to Pretoria. The correspondent adds that the Free Staters are acting independently of the Transvaalers and may surrender at any moment. He further says that a Belgian ambulance corps, with many Hollanders m the Transvaal, has arrived at Lorenzo Marques and will sail for, Europe on the Ger-

THE DEFENCE OF KIMBERLEY. Gen. Roberts Praises Col. Kekewich and Also Cecil Rhodes.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 8. The Official Gazette publishes a despatch from Gen. Roberts covering a lengthy report from Col Kekewich on the defence of Klimberley. Gen Roberts bestows unqualified praise on Col. Kekewich, whom he recommends to the Government's favorable

He also highly commends Cecil Rhodes, who, he says, contributed materially to the successdefence of the town. Gen. Roberts's tribute to Mr Rhodes is based on Col. Kekewich's report, in which there is no trace of the rumored disagreement between himself and Mr. Rhodes.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE ROBERTS. Information Received at Cape Town and Warning Seat to the Commander.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 8 - The Cape Town correspondent of the Evening Standard says that informain has been officially received of a plot to asmate Gen. Lord Roberts. The latter has been warned and telegrams are being exthanged between the Cape authorities, Lord outs and the Imperial Government.

Cecil Rhodes Eack in South Africa.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN Cape Town, May 8.-The fund for the relief of the Ottawa live sufferers now amounts to

Coul Rhodes arrived here from England to-

ASSAULT ON MAFEKING FAILED. Boer Leaders Could Not Induce Their Forces to Advance on the Town,

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN MAPERING. April 28.—The Boers delivered a neavy bombardment on April 25, which was in tended to cover an assault. The leaders, however, failed to induce the men to advance The Boer artillery, with the exception of two 5-pounders, has apparently been withdrawn. LONDON, May 8.-A despatch from Col. Plumer's camp, dated April 25, by cyclist to

Ootsi, April 30, says: "Archdeacon Upcher and Father Hartman have returned after burying Lieut. Milligan at Ramathlabama.

"On April 24 the enemy shot cattle which Col. Plumer had intrusted to some Baralongs to convey to Mafeking. Col. Plumer selected a dark, misty night for the start, but the natives became unnerved and their departure had to be postponed to another night, with disastrous results. The vigilance of the Boers has since increased. The Boers have received reenforcements and are now estimated to number 3,000 "Over 800 native refugees from Mafeking have arrived here.

"The first of the pigeou despatches sent from here arrived in Mafeking within four hours The second failed to reach its destination. The successful bird was sent out again yesterday and a younger bird was sent along with a view to training it."

The general commanding at Cape Town has

sent the following despatch to the War Office: "CAPE TOWN, May 8. - The base commandant at Bulawayo to-day forwards from Baden-Powell the following despatch, dated Mafeking, April 25: 'Please inform the Chief of Staff that all is well. The situation is unchanged. The enemy to-day made another so-called attack on our south front, shelling us for two hours with four guns. They made a half-hearted infautry advance, with plenty of musketry. ordered, our guns, Maxims and rifles did not reply, hoping to draw them on. The enemy mistrusted our silence and fell back. Our casualties were one killed and one slightly wounded. Capt. MacLaren is recovering rapidly. A wounded Boer in the hospital is doing well. I regret to report three deaths from fever.

BULUWAYO, Rhodesia, April 29.-Col. Plumer is still at Safilili camp. He has been reenforced by 100 men from Salisbury, but in view of the relative smallness of his whole force, a large proportion of which are incapacitated by fever, and his lack of effective artillery; his chance of relieving Mafeking is small, especially, as the besiegers were recently largely reenforced.

KRUGER TALKS TO THE VOLKSRAAD.

Says the Government Will Do Everything in Its Power to Restore Peace.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PRETORIA, May 7.-President Krüger in opening the Volksraad this afternoon paid a high tribute to late Vice-President and Commandant-General Joubert. He extolled the constancy and loyalty of the Orange Free State and said the relations of the Republics with other States were good except in the case of Great Britain. The feeling of the world at large, he said, was in favor of the Transvaal. The Government, President Krüger said, would do everything in its power to restore peace. He said the finances of the Republic were in a satisfactory condition and the mines were flourishing.

The President declared that even if he himself should be sent to St. Helena the republican cause would still go on. Gen. Gurko of Russia and the other military

attachés were present. President Kruger drove to Parliament House attended by an escort. He announced the despatch of the Peace Mission to Europe and the ted States. He concluded with the customary invocation for the assistance of Divine Providence. The session closed with impressive speeches and prayers.

Several wounded members of the Volksraad were present during the sitting.

JOHANNESBURG MILL EXPLOSION. Thirty-Seven Men Killed In a Boarding House Next Door

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LORENZO MARQUES, May 7 .- A despatch from Pretoria says that a boarding house next door to the Begbie Engineering Works at Johannesburg contained thirty-seven men, all of whom were killed by the explosion. There is no trace

of the building left. The evidence against Richards, the American negro who was arrested and charged with nurder in connection with the explosion, is that he stated that \$5,000 had been offered to him to blow up the foundry. Richards refused to give the name of the man who tried to bribe

The news of the explosion greatly affected President Kruger, who exclaimed "Is there a God?'

GEN. PRINSLOO CONVICTED. Former Free State Commander Sentenced to Nine Months' Imprisonment for Treason.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN CAPE Town, May 8 .- A despatch from Pre toria states that Gen. Jan Prinsloo, the former commandant of the Orange Free State forces who rettred to his farm where he was arrested by the Boers and charged with treason, has been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

ROOKS FOR BOER PRISONERS. British Government to Buy Dutch Books to

Amsterdam for the Men at St. Helena.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. AMSTERDAM, May 8 .- The British Government has instructed its Consul here to expend 500 guilders for Dutch books for the use of the Boer prisoners at St. Helena.

FIFTEEN RESCUED AT SEA. Missing Crew of the Wrecked Virginia Picked

Up by the Steamship El Paso. NEW ORLEANS, May 8-The Morgan steamer El Paso from New York to New Orleans, which arrived here to-day, brought the second mate and fourteen of the crew of the British steamer Virginia, Capt. Samuels, from Daiquiri, Cuba, to Baltimore, which was wrecked on May 2 off Diamond Shoals near Cape Hatteras The men were drifting in a badly wrecked and shattered boat in the open sea when rescued by the El Paso. The men were two days in the boat Paso. The men were two days in the boat without food or water and kept her affoat only by constant bailing. They were sent to Baltimore to-day by British Consul Van S. Hert. Second Mate Willoughby M. Moore told the story. It was not the intention of Mate Moore to leave the wreek of the Virginia and Lapt. Samuels. A boat had been lowered late in the evening to get the members of the crew aboard and safely off the shoats. Moore had ordered the boat lowered and soon after a crrible tempest crushed it up against the side of the ship, partly wreeking it. He ordered some of the men to get into the little craft, but not one of them stirred. Then he set them an example by hem stirred. Then he set them an example by umping in himself. Another man jumped in and finally fourteen members of the crew in all

and finally fourteen members of the crow in all followed his lend and went down over the ship's side into the lifeboat.

Moor intended after he had gotten the crew off to go back aboard the ship and wait for the second boat in which the captain and the first mate expected to make their escape. But the sea was so furious that it was impossible for them to approach again anywhere near the stranded ship. It was impossible on account of the intensity of the wind to make foward shore and Moore ordered that the boat be hended for the open sea.

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There was nothing to eat or drink aboard the lifehoat. The satiors and mate drifted hopelessly on, the storm at no time abating. Trope had been given up when the El Paso sighted that.

Cleveland a Suburb of New York. Leave New York 5:30 P. M., arrive Cleveland next morning for breakfast, by Lake Shore Limited of New York Central. Superb service; no excess fare.—Ads. and 31 theaters.—Ads.

SHORTAGE ALREADY REACHES \$75,000 IN THE STAMP DEPARTMENT.

Money Order Office Now Being Investigated Embezziements Believed to Have Begun Last July When an Old Issue of Stamps Was Ordered Destroyed-Cubans Amused. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, May 8. - The investigation into the Post Office Department continues. Although no further arrests have been made startling developments are expected. It is admitted even by Director of Posts Rathbone that the shortage amounts to \$75,000. So far the shortage

only affects the receipts from stamps. The money order department is being investigated, but if anything is wrong there no disclosures have been made.

The officials are loath to reveal the facts concerning the investigation during its progress, but from what can be learned it is the opinion of the investigators that the embezzlements began last July, when \$411,000 worth of surcharged stamps (American stamps marked "Cuba") were ordered destroyed, because a new issue that was distinctly Cuban had been made. The destruction of these stamps was turned over to the men, including Neely, who are accused of being responsible for the shortage. Whether they were destroyed is not known positively, but the immediate decrease in the stamp receipts after the surcharged stamps were ordered destroyed causes the suspicion that they were not destroyed and that they

were sold instead of the new ones. Just at this time the receipts fell from nearly \$30,000 monthly to about \$15,000. At the same time the receipts of the Havana Post Office remained at approximately \$13,000, leaving the returns from the rest of the island \$2,000 or \$3,000, where it had formerly been returning nearly \$15,000.

For the first five days of May, however, the receipts from the country districts amounted to \$8,000, and this fact is cited as proof that something was wrong with the stamp sales previously. Inspectors of the Military Department have been watching the receipts since May 1, and the sudden increase since that time has been remarkable, to say the least. Mr. Rathbone trusted his subordinates so com-

pletely that he is now unable to render much assistance in the investigation because he practically knows nothing of what was going on. When Neely's arrest was made Mr. Rathbone appointed C. M. Rich, his assistant, to take Neely's place. It was then discovered that Rich came from Muncie, Ind., Neely's home, and that they were both interested in the brick works here. He had a power of attorney from Neely. He had also certified that Neely's accounts had been audited and found to be correct. This was false. He now says that he

wrote this certification by Neely's order. He

will not be permitted to act in Neely's place,

the military authorities interfering. Naturally this community, which is composed mainly of army officers, so far as the Americans are concerned, feels that had the Post Office Department been under the control of the Army this scandal would not have occurred. Certainly had not Col. Burton discovered the present irregularities there is no teiling how long the embezziements would have continued. Col. Burton's audit last year revealed a shortage of \$12,000, but this was plausibly explained He was still suspictous, however, and this time he went behind the face of the books and dis-

covered the embezzlement. Strangely enough, the Cubans appear to be delighted over the scandal. The newspapers have not yet taken it up, but the public talks of it unceasingly. It seems to them to be a good loke on the Americans, who have been preaching honesty to them. Instead of growing indignant at the aliens' alleged theft of their money, as might be expected, they pass it over lightly, while the cutting off by Capt. Pitcher's order of the queue of a Spanish builfighter roused in them the highest degree of indignant resentment.

SEARCH FOR NEELY'S MONEY.

Hunt in the Banks and Safe Deposit Vaults in

Mancle. Ind., for Funds. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 8 -Government officers went to Muncie to-day and made a thorough search for registered packages and for funds in the various safe deposit vaults supposed to have been sent there by Charles F. W. Neely, either to himself or to his friends. The Neely, either to himself or to his friends. The various banks were also visited and the officers closely questioned, but it is not known what success the officers had. Much surprise is felt over the denial of Perry S. Heath of responsibility for Neely's appointment. They have been close friends for years and it has been assumed that Neely's appointment came through Heath. Just before his appointment the Neely Printing Company gave a mortgage on its plant to a Chicago firm for \$10,000 and this increases the surprise over Neely's sudden change of fortune. change of fortune.

A BRIDE AT 13.

RIVERHEAD, L. I., May 8.-Vernon G. Moore.

Goldie Phillips Marries One of the Youth Who Sailed Away With Her.

Virgit Way and John Dutcher of this place, who sailed away on Sunday on the sloop Flyaway with thirteen-year-old Goldie Phillips, were arrested this morning by Sheriff Wells and brought to this place. They were arraigned before Justice Buckingham on a charge of kidnapping made by Goldie Phillips's mother and were committed to the Riverhead in! Before the arrest was made Goldie and young Moore were married by the Rev. C. C. Lane, pastor of the Methodist Church at Claverton. There was a lively chase after the runaways by several squads of deputies. Two of the squads set out in sloops while Sheriff Wells and his party skirted the shores of Peconic Bay.

his party skitted the shores of reconic Bay. The young people were traced to Jamesport, where it was ascertained that young Moore and the girl asked the Rev. Mr. Woodward to marry them. Unsuccessful at this point they sailed to Aquebogue, the original starting place, where other dergymen were sought out, but they all declined to perform the ceremony. When they reached Claverton the situation was explained to the Rev. Mr. Lane, who took the runaways into his louise and performed the runaways into his house and performed the

runaways into his louse and performed the marriage ceremony.

Late last night Sheriff Wells learned that young Moore and Godie were back in Aquebogue and he went there with the intention of at least capturing one of the kidnappers. On arriving at that village he was directed to Phillips's house, where he found a marriage celebration in progress. It appears that the Phillips tandly had forgotten all about the kidnapping incident and were celebrating Goldle's marriage. Goldle told the Sheriff that she and young Moore had been in love with each other for a long time and they knew their parents would oppose their marriage, so they ran away. Way and Dutcher asserted that they went along to help sail the boat. They said that the adventure was proposed by Goldle and young Moore.

GOING TO THE KLONDIKE TO WED

Week for Dawson to Be Married. NORWALE, Conn., May 8 - Miss Clara Van Doren, daughter of the Rev. DeWitt Talmage Van Doren, pastor of the Norwalk Baptist Church, will leave Norwalk next week for Dawson City, where she will become the bride of a young man interested in Klondike mines. Miss Van Doren will make the trip alone. She met the prospective bridegroom while attending school when 12 years old. They have kept up correspondence during this long period with the result of the engagement. Miss Van Doren is not yet of age, but the parents of the contracting parties look upon the match with favor.

Center of American Sectropolis.

Is Grand Central Statics of the New York Central in 42d Street. You can reach it in from half a minute to influent minutes from 77 New York hotels, 85 clubs able service; automatic block signal system.—Ade. Center of American Metropolis

CUBA'S POSTAL SCANDAL, VESCVIUS GROWS MORE ACTIVE. Station of the Cable Rallway Destroyed-Resi dents Leaving the Vicinity.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Rome, May 8. - Vesuvius is gradually become ing more active and the rumblings are frightening the people. The authorities are do ng all they can to reassure the residents in the vicinity and experts say there is no immediate danger. The station of the Funicular, the

cable road, has been destroyed. Four Englishmen who made the ascent of th volcano ventured too far notwithstanding the warning of their guides. They were overtaken by the lava and seriously burned.

The Funicular railway is the property of Thomas Cook & Son, proprietors of the tourist agency. It was not built by them, but was bought some years ago by J. M. Cook after it had failed of financial success, and is now operated by the Cooks. The lower station of the railway is fifteen miles from the Cook office in Naples. It is located at the foot of the cone, 861 yards above the level of the sea. The upper station is 1,295 yards above the sea level, while the height of the crater of Ve-auvius is 1,399 yards above sea level, but the length of the railway is 806 yards, its incline varying from 40 per cent. to 63 per cent, and the disfance of the upper station of the railway from the crater is 150 yards. While the above despatch does not say which station has been destroyed, it is supposed that it is the upper station. The Cook circulars, which proclaim the firm's sole responsibility for the working arrangements of the road, say that it is the only road which is officially surveyed. Two cars are operated simultaneously, one going up and the other down. The cars have five seats and carry ten or more passengers. Portions of the road have been destroyed before. The Government makes the services of guides compulsory for the last 150 yards of the ascent to the crater. Most persons now use the Funicular railway for the distance traversed by it, but some persons still make the whole ascent afoot or on the backs of guides.

SODA WATER MINE EXPLODES.

eemed an Inoffensive Wagon Till a Frisky Motorman Bunted It.

Untimely zeal to make time on the part of James B. Roddy, motorman on a Madison avenue car, caused a curious collision at Bleecker street and the Bowery yesterday morning. In front of Roddy's car an inoffensive-looking wagon, laden with siphons, occupied the track. The wagon was driven by Louis Keshan of 238 Monroe street. Mr. Keshan wasn't particularly in a hurry. He had the whole day before him. Mr. Roddy, on the contrary, burned to consume the miles of track that lay in front. He mentioned the matter to the driver of the wagon, who preserved a disdainful silence. Then Mr. Roddy threatened to bunt Mr. Keshan and Mr. Keshan's wagon off the earth. He let his car go forward until it banged the tailpiece of the soda-braring wagon.

the earth. He let his car go forward until it banged the tailpicee of the soda-braring wagon. Then things began to happen.

Being highly charged, the siphons performed after the manner of 10-inch shells. It was Roddy's first experience with an explosive vehicle. Much disconcerted he gave a howl and bolted inside the car, slamming the door shut after him. A large, flerce gentleman in a slouch hat, who had been reeding in a corner of the car, made no attempt to parley, but threw up his hands and cried "Don't shoot" with a promptitude that did credit to his upbringing. All the women passengers, following the rules of conduct made and provided for in such cases, lifted up their voices and shrieked. Meantime the soda siphons were firing by ranks, platoons and at will, and Keshan had risen like a water nymph on a fountain of spray. Presently the fountain slipped out from under him and he struck the Rowery with such force as to break his leg. They took him away to Goveurneur flospital, and his bottles fired a solute as he went.

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Roddy was arrested, and in the Centre street police court was held for examination. The front of the car was pretty badly bombarded by flying fragments.

LUMBER TOWN WIPED OUT. Fire Destroys All But Six Buildings in Corbett, Pa. -Two Lives Lost.

BOLIVAR, N. Y., May 8 - Forest fires have raged along the Buffalo and Susquehanna Rafiroad in Potter county, Pa., since yesterday. surrounded by fire and all but five houses and the railroad station burned. The town had 500 population. A special train on the Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad took part of the people to Galeton and returned after the rest, but the flames drove the rescuers back. Many of those rescued were burned and everything in their homes burned, leaving them destitute. An old couple, George Letke and wife, lived just out of Corbett. The flames surrounded their house and both perished. So far as known this is the only loss of life. to Galeton and returned after the rest,

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The big sawmills at Galeton, Austin and Cross Forks and the railroad machine shops shut down and sent the men out to fight fire. The big acid factory at Corbett was wrecked by the fire that swept away the town. The damage to timber lands in Potter county will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. A light shower fell this afternoon at Galeton, but did not lay the dust. The smoke over the burning region is bilinding. At Galveston its not possible to see thirty teet away. In all directions from Galeton the hills are ablaze. There have been no heavy rains this spring. The leaves have hardly started and the woods are as dry as tinder. Fanned by a strong wind to-day the flames swept unimpeded through the torests.

F. H. and C. W. Goodvear of Buffalo own thousands of acres of hemiock lands in Potter county and their loss is enormous. county and their loss is enormous.

MAY SAVE HER SWEETHEART. Miss Turner to Testify for the Man Who Shot Her Father Dead.

RICHMOND, Va., May 8 -- Andrew Carter Gilligan, charged with the murder of C. Beverly Turner, was put on trial to-day at Isle of Wight Court House. Gilligan's father was an overseer for Turner. The young man grew up around the place and was treated almost as one of the family. When Mr. Turner's daughter, Isabel, returned from college, a girl of eigh-teen, Gilligan promptly fell in love with her. He is a handsome young man and his affection was reciprocated. ciprocated.

was reciprocated.

The pair met and corresponded by stealth, as Mr. Turner, a proud Virginian, would not entertain the thought of his daughter marrying an overseer's con. Early one morning, just before light, Mr. Turner was found dead in his own yard with a bullet through his need. Suspicion fell on Gilligan, who had disappeared. He was hunted down with bloodhounds and captured. He confessed, but said he shot to save his own life. He also said that Isabel was with him when the shot was fired.

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When the trial began this morning the first question that came up was as to the admission of the letters written by Miss Turner to Gilligan, upon which the defence said their case hinged. The letters, it is asserted, will show plainly the reasons of Gilligan for killing his benefactor, but as yet the battle between attorneys on either side has not been concluded and will be resumed to-morrow.

Miss Turner will be placed on the stand, and it is believed that she can save her lover if she will. She has said that she will wear three yeals, so that her face cannot be seen. so that her face cannot be seen.

DEWEY'S MEMPHIS VISIT.

Reception at the Cotton Exchange in the Morning-Two Receptions at Night. MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 8.-Admiral and Mrs. Dewey were escorted from the Peabody Hotel

this morning to the Cotton Exchange. They took places on a dats in front of which the public moved in pairs. This reception continued for an hour. It was attended mostly by city people

To-night two receptions were given to Admiral and Mrs. Dewey. One was at the residence of Luke E. Wright of the Philippine Commission, under the Auspices of the Commodore Perry Chapter, D. A. R., at the head of which is Mrs. C. B. Bryan, a daughter of Admiral Raphael Semmes, and the other was a general reception, given in the parlors of the Penbody Hotel to the women of Memphis, under the auspices of the Women's Clubs of Memphis. To-morrow morning the Admiral Memphis. To-morrow morning the Admiral and Mrs. Dewey will go to Na-hyille.

During the thanderstorm at Staten Island last night a barn owned by Emil Mangel in the rear of his hotel at Fort Wedsworth was struck by lightning and in a few minutes the whole building was enveloped in fames. Three larses perished in the fire.

EUGENE D. WOOD GETS CONTROL

He Elects His Delegates to the Democratic State Convention in Two Out of Three Districts-Hill Is a Delegate and Is Not In-

IN ALBANY COUNTY.

structed-Chicago Platform Reaffirmed. ALBANY, May 8. - Eugene D. Wood, who has been fighting the Democratic leadership in this county of Supreme Court Justice D. Cady Herrick since 1891, has at last routed the Herrick forces, and he will name as the next Democratic State Committeeman from this county, County Clerk P. E. McCabe who will succeed ex-Mayor Thomas J. Van Alystyne, one of Justice Herrick's supporters. To-day delegates to the Democratic State Convention in New York on June 5 were elected in three of the four Assembly districts in this county and two of the

three districts were carried by Wood. Mr. Wood, John Bowe and County Clerk McCabe have led the fight here against Justice Herrick's leadership and to-day named the delegates in the First district by a vote of 20 to 14 and in the Third by a vote of 23 to 6. In the Fourth district Herrick delegates were elected, so that up to date the delegates named stand 6 for Wood and 3 for Herrick. Three delegates will be named in the Second district to-morrow and Mr. Wood's friends say that even if the Herrick people succeed in controlling that convention they will be able to elect McCabe as State Committeeman by a vote of 8 to 4 when the time comes for the delegates to stand up and be counted.

For fifteen years Justice Herrick has ruled the Albany county and city Democratic organizations with a rod of iron. Any one who questioned his authority was summarily ruled out of the party councils. The difference which Mr. Wood had with Justice Herrick in 1891 has finally resulted in the overthrow of the last prominent Cleveland leader in the State. Mr. Herrick assumed the leadership of the Albany Democracy back in the '90s when Daniel Manning turned over the control to him on entering former President Cleveland's first Cabinat as Secretary of the Treasure. Cabinat as Secretary of the Treasury.

The delegates selected to-day are:
First district-Delgates: Jacob L. Teneyck, Patrick
Clinton and Julius Fish. Alternates: William G.
Meintosh, Matthew Van Alstyne and George

Baumis
Third district - Delegates: David B. Hill, Nicholas
Allegates: Henry A. Third district - Deregates.

J. Hussey and John Bowe. Alternates: Henry A. Peckham, Thomas D. Fitzgerald and Denis A.

Regan
Fourth district—Delegates: Patrick Grogan,
James H. Boyland and Michael T. Smith Alternates: William F. Parker, Edgar L. Chapman and John Larkins

The First district convention did not adopt any resolutions. The Third district convention adopted the following:

The representatives of the Democrats of the Third Assembly district in convention assembled, hereby reafilm our allegiance and belief in the Democratic National platform of 1896 and our faith in the Democratic leader, W. J. Bryan."

delegates from the Third district, headed y David B. Hill, were not instructed. In the Fourth district convention this reso-tion of instructions was unanimously

adopted.

That we hereby reaffirm the cardinal principles of Demoracy enunciated in the Chicago platform in 1896, and pledge our loval support to our great national leader and champion of the rights of the people. William Jennings Brvan of Nebraska. And our delegates are hereby instructed to present and support at the State convention a resolution instructing the delegates to the National Convention to support William Jennings Bryan."

Pro-Boer and anti-trust resolutions were also adopted.

EASTERN STOCKHOLDERS WIN.

Boston and Montana Mining Company to Get

Rid of Its Receiver. HELENA, Mon., May 8 .- Eastern stockholders gained a victory to-day when the Supreme Court reversed Judge Clancy of the District Court of Butte who denied the application ton and Montana Mining for an order vacating the order appointing Thomas R. Hinds receiver of the company's properties and remanded the cause with instructions to the lower court to admit evidence excluded and to hear and determine the motion according to the expressed views of the higher court. The Boston and Mon-tana Company offered to prove that it had reconveyed the property which it had trans-ferred to the New York corporation back to ferred to the New York corporation back to the Montana corporation as evidence to show that there was no longer any necessity for a receiver for the property. The lower court declined to consider the evidence and denied the company's motion to vacate the order of Dec. 15, 1885, appointing Mr. Hinds receiver.

The Supreme Court says: "The offer made by the defendants which the court should have required the plaintiffs to accept renders it unnecessary to continue the receivership for the purpose of an accounting. The order refusing to vacate the order of Dec. 15, 1898 is therefore reversed and the cause is remanded with directions to the court below and its Judge to admit the evidence and the offer excluded and proceed to hear and determine the motion in accordance with the views herein expressed."

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The property is valued at over \$4,000,000 and will thus soon be freed from the receivership. HELD FOR A TRIPLE MURDER.

Alleged Slayer of Three Children in Utah tr Jail in Chillicothe, Ohio. CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, May 8 .- George Wright was put in jail here to-night on the charge of having committed a triple murder at Provo three children named Elias. It were is supposed that they had witnessed some crime which he had committed and in order to stop all danger of their appearing against him he dragged them to a pond one January, cut a he dragged them to a pond one samuary, cut a hoie in the ice and thrust them through. The mysterious disappearance of the children was not explained until the ice thawed and their bodies were washed ashore in the spring.

Detectives established that the murder had probably been committed by George Wright, alias James Weeks, alias William Tyron, alias William Stevenson He disappeared and tor four years the discretives have been trying. has whilam sevenson. He disappeared and or four years the detectives have been trying of find him. He appeared here as an evangest. He disappeared into West Virginia, but was finally found at Ashton, W. Va., where he ad secured the rastorate of a small church, and had married Miss. Minnie Pollock, the hter of a farmer. He is held for the Utah

W W. ASTOR NOT GOING TO SELL. His Agent Denies the Report About His Real Estate in This City.

It was reported again yesterday that William Walderf Aster was going to dispose of his real estate in this city. It was said that Mr. Astor's orders to his local representative were final with regard to the immediate sale of his East Side regard to the immediate sale of his East Side holdings, including lots and buildings in Second and Third streets, Avenues A and B, Eldridge street, Elizabeth street and the Bowery, and that ultimately the rest of his real estate in this city would be disposed of. Charles A. Peabedy, Jr., who has charge of Mr. Astor's local inter-ests, was seen last night by a Styr spoorter. "It is all nonsense," he said. "The story is a year old now. It was reluted only a few months

LOST SOMETHING AT THE WALDORF? There With a Detective.

men from the Waldorf drove up to Police Headquarters in an automobile at 12:30 o'clock this morning, got a detective and returned to the Waldorf. They told the hotel people that they had mislaid two packages while they were didlog in the hotel, and that they wanted the name and address of the watter who had served them. The name was given to them. Then they all went away.

Mayor Woodward Declines to Resign. ATLANTA, Ga., May 8-Mayor James G. Woodward who was assailed for immorality by

the Rev. L. G. Broughton, and asked to resign by the City Council, to-day decided to hold on to be office. He takes the position that if his rivate fives of the men who criticise him be private fives of the men who criticise him be investigated.

JUDGE HERRICK BEATEN. FILIPINOS BURN TOWN OF BULAN. DEBS PLOT AT CINCINNATI. American Garrison Said to Have Been Driver to Refuge in the Ships.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MANILA. May 8.-Unofficial letters received here state that 3,000 insurgents burned Bulan in south Luzen on May & and drove out fifty men of the Forty-seventh Volunteer Infantry, who were garrisoning the place. They killed many of the Spanish and Chinese residents. Last week some Sorsogon firms, in response to a petition, sent a steamer to rescue the merchants

of Bulan, who were expecting an attack. Details of the affair are meagre, but it is reported that the American troops were forced to take refuge aboard the ships and that a gunboat shelled the city while the rebels looted and burned it. Bulan had a population of 20,000 and there were many large commercial establishments located there.

Twenty-seven Spaniards who were liberated n Batangas province arrived in Manila this

Gen. MacArthur, the new Military Governor, received the officers of the Sixth Artillery and the Fourteenth and Twentieth Infantry at the

Ayuntamiento this afternoon The court-martial for the trial of Col. James S. Pettit of the Thirty-first Volunteer Infantry on the charge of violating the Sixty-second Article of war convened to-day. Col. Pettit is accused of making an arrangement with the President of Zamboanga by which the notorlous outlaw Juan Ramos, after his capture by the Americans, was turned over to the Zamboanga chief and killed.

OUR SAMOAN ISLAND. Flag Raised Over Tutula -Natives of Manua

Want Us to Take Possession. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

arrived here from Samoa bringing advices to the effect that the Ameri-CAD to the United States in the division of the group by the powers signatory to the Berlin Treaty. The event was marked by great native rejoicings and the chiefs formally handed over the island to the Americans. The people of Manua want to cede their island to the United States and they have asked

the Americans to hoist their flag there. CHICAGO RIVER HIT BY LIGHTNING. Two Policemen Knocked Senseless-Trolley

Car Passengers Drenched With Mud. CHICAGO, May 8 .- Lightning hit the Chicago River at Thirty-ninth and Halsted streets during a storm early this morning. Two policemen were knocked senseless and four others injured. As the river at that point is almost solid owing to the amount of stockyards' refuse thrown into it, it is presumed the injuries were caused by flying splinters. The force of the bolt

caused by flying splinters. The force of the bolt tore a great hole in the river bank and a column of greasy water and mud shot a hundred feet in the air. A trolley car filled with men and women going home from a dance was deluged by this mass as it came down.

As the sheet of water acted as a conductor for the electricity from the trolley wire to the metal roof of the car the passengers were further startled by the resultant flashes and reports which led them to believe they were being held up by highwaymen. Several women fainted and were revived by physicians summoned to the scene. The car's machinery was wrecked. When the excitement subsided two policemen were found unconscious. One had a severe wound on his head as though hit by a club. The column of water sent up by the explosion carried with it several pieces of lumber and it is supposed the injured officer was hit by one of these in its descent.

ADVANCED MONEY TO CHICAGO.

Bankers Hold Off for a Time Because of Mayor Harrison's Labor Attitude. Building Contractors' Council vesterday made and Vice-President. the statement that several Chicago bankers had refused to discount the city's paper because of their disatisfaction with the manner it. | friends have got into the hands of Democratio which Mayor Harrison's administration has bribe givers. I do not mean that these men dealt with the labor situation. Mayor Harri- would accept money from the Democratio son denied the truth of Falkenau's statement. To-day Comptroller Rerioot admitted that the statement made by Mr. Falkenau was partly true. The presidents of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank. Northern Trust Company and Northwestern National Bank, when asked to subscribe for \$1,000,000 worth of scrip to meet police payrolls, refused to do so, saying their institutions would not advance a dollar as long as the police attitude toward union picketing, repeated outbreaks and other lawpicketing, repeated outbreaks and other law-lessness was maintained.

"These men have since repented," said Mr.
Kerfoot, "and have taken the warrants."

The Mayor said the city had disposed of \$1,-000,000 worth of warrants and that local bankers were anxious to subscribe for \$500,000 more.

MARRIED FOR BUSINESS REASONS.

Disclosure Made by the Widow of Reuben Whiteman, Who Left \$500,000. GENESEO, N. Y., May 8. - An unexpected disclosure was made vesterday in proceedings for the final settlement of accounts of Clara Whiteman Gibbs, administratrix of the estate of Reuben Whiteman, father of ex-S-nator Alonzo J. Whiteman, who is now under charges of forgery City, Utah, four years ago. The victims at Chicago. Reuben Whiteman died in 1888, leaving a will which disposed of an estate valued at \$500,000. The will provided that the interests at \$500,000. The will provided that the interests given to the children should not vest in them until the death or remarriage of the widow. The widow appeared in the Surrogate's Court yesterday and presented a certificate of her marriage to James Lindsley in 1895. She said that the marriage contract had been entered into for business purposes only, that no announcement had ever been made of it and that this was the first intimation given to the public that she had remarried. The estate can now be settled without further delay. Ex-Senator Whiteman has released his interest in the property to his sister, Mrs. Gibbs.

erty to his sister, Mrs. Gibbs. MONEY ORDER SWINDLER.

Young Man Who Obtained \$1,200 From

Various Post Offices -His Arrest. CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 8. - Two days ago a rell dressed young man presented three money orders for \$100 each, with identification waived to Postmaster Reynolds of Covington, Ky. The postmaster noticed the advices forwarded him posinisted in the same handwriting as the orders. He made the excuse that he had not yet received the advices for payment. The young man went away and did not appear again. Post office Inspector Fred M. Betz, who was notified, learned that three orders for \$100 each made out in the same handwriting, had been received at Newport.

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As the result of further investigation, As the result of further investigation, he arrested this morning the young man, who was registered at the Paiace Hotel with two young women as "E. Rhinehart, wife and sister, Chicago," but whose real name is Joseph Brychta, a clerk in the Post office at Pullman. Ill. Brychta is a Bohemian about 25 years old He left Pullman on April 25 on a two weeks 'vacation. He also stole a block of money orders He owns up to having presented and obtained money for three orders of \$100 each at New York, three at Brooklyn, three at Camden and three at Harrisburg, Pa., amounting to \$1,200

BANK ROBBERS FOILED. Explosion Was Too Severe and the Men Had

to Leave the Money in Sight. DELAWABE, Ohio, May 8 .- Five robbers nearly

demolished the Farmers' Bank at Sunbury about about 1 o'clock this morning by using dynamite o blow open the time safe, which contained about \$100,000. The bank is situated between about \$100,000. The bank is situated between two residences, with an alley on each side. The explosion knocked out the stone front of the building. The noise wakened the residents.

The robbers began shooting in the hope of keeping the people away until they could get some of the mency out. but they were compelled to retreat to escape capture. They were compelled to leave the bags of silver and gold being at their feet certifies nothing for og at their feet, getting nothing for

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MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD POPULISTS SAY THEY WILL NOT BE FOOLED.

They Declare That It Is a Bryan Scheme to Induce Them to Nominate Debs and Thus Make Themselves Ridiculous Barker and Donnelly Explain Why They Were Nominated Conditionally for President and Vice-President Two Years Ago-Populist Party Not to Be Wiped Out-Convention To-day.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 8. - The Middle-of-the-Road Populists got right down the brass tacks to-day. They started in to do business for They seem to know what they are about and they have no hesitancy in saying that a lot of the wolves in the shape of the Bryan Democrats and renegade Populists like Senator Marion Butler and Senator William V. Allen have already adopted subterranean methods in the hope a "bedevilling" the Middle-of-the-Road Convention which is to assemble tomorrow. In a word, the leading "Pops" here accuse Col. Bryan and his friends, Chairman Jones of the Democratic National Committee and ex-Governor William J. Stone of Missouri and their allies, Butler, Allen and Weaver, of attempting to foist Eugene V. Debs upon this convention as its candidate for President. Not only do the "Pops" here use such words as "bedevilling," but they resorted to a good deal stronger language to-day, when they

talked of the situation. The arrival this morning of the Hon. Wharton Barker of Philadelphia and the Hon. Ignatius Donnelly of Hastings, Minn., was followed quickly by energetic steps to bring some sort of cohesion out of what up to this morning ap-AUCKLAND, N. Z., May 8 .- A steamer has peared to be a sincere although conglomerate mass. Even some of the most pronounced "Pops" were discovered to be travelling off flag has been holsted over after strange gods, as Mr. Barker and Mr. island of Tutuila, which fell Donnelly put it, in the shape of Debs, who had been nominated at Indianapolis for Presi-

dent by the Social Democrats. The scheme as to Debs. it was insisted involved his nomination here for the purpose of discrediting the Middle-of-the-Road Populists. whose doctrine morning, noon and night is that never again will they have any entangling alliances with any political party or even with a faction of a political party. These Middleof-the-Roaders are anti-fusionists in every breath they draw. They can't speak with patience and scarcely with decorum of Butler and Allen and Weaver, who are now in the Bryan

camp. For the purposes of making the real situation in the Populist national party more clear, it is necessary to bring the history of that party up to date and this history was recounted to-day to THE SUN correspondent by Mr. Barker and Mr. Donnelly. The main facts of it are known and its specific features have been gone over time and time again by those familiar with the movements of political parties in the United States. Mr. Donnelly will be quoted first because he went into the details of the situation somewhat more than did Mr. Barker.

"We all know what occurred in the Populist National Convention at St. Louis in 1896, "said Mr. Donnelly, "but the people of the United States are not possibly aware of all that occurred from the time that that convention adjourned after the greatest wrangle the Populist party has ever had, all because it indorsed Bryan, the candidate of the Democratic party, for President. The men who engineered that sol at St. Louis, Senator Butler and Senator Allen and Gen. Weaver and others, were not betisfled with their work at St. Louis at that time, but for two years afterward, up to 1898, they were heard to say that never again would the Populist national party hold a convention for the pur-Chicago, May 8 .- Victor Faulkenau of the pose of nominating candidates for President

"It is not necessary to mention any names but I insist to you that some of our old-time party, but I do insist that their actions were dictated by the hope of favors to be received in the shape of offices should Bryan in 1900 be elected President of the United States. Butler, we know, can't be returned to the United States Senate from North Carolina. He's out of a job. He expects Bryan to give him a job. Butler (think of it!) called the meeting of the Populist National Committee to be held in Lincoln, the home of Bryan, the Democratic candidate for renomination for President. Butler did this in last February. He by this action confirmed in our minds all that was said against him and his friends as to their work in 1896 in St. Louis, whereby the Populist Convention indorsed

Bryan. That was a most outrageous proceeding. Butler's further conduct when our National Committee was in session at Lincoln was even more reprehensible. Without any more authority than I have to cut your throat this minute, Butler strikes off the names of life-long Populists from our National Committee. We had a majority of the committee. No amount of striking off of names on the part of Butler could change this fact, and so Butler adjourns the committee

at his own sweet will and pleasure. "Naturally there was a great fuss over this line of conduct on his part, which would not have been tolerated by either the Republican or Democratic parties, and, yet forsooth, he attempts to play such pranks upon us. Well, there was nothing for us to do but to get together with our majority of the National Committee and call the only real Populist Convention to meet in Cincinnati. This convention, which is to assemble to-morrow, is the real

Populist Convention of the country. "But I wish to go back a little. As soon as we heard, along in 1897, the words of some of our old-time friends, that never again would the Populist National party hold a convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President, we determined to disprove that statement. We started in and in 1898 we held a National Convention of our party in this city and at that convention Mr. Barker was nominated for President and I was nominated for Vice-President, but these nominations were conditional and were not at all binding on any future convention. These nominations were made at the time for the purpose of showing to all the world that notwithstanding the schemes of Butler and Allen and Wenver the Populist party was still in existence and was here to stay.

The convention which is to meet to-morrow may reaffirm the nominations of Mr. Barker and myself made in 1898 and then again this convention may not. Neither Mr. Barker nor myself will insist in any way upon having any claim recognized growing out of the 1898 convention, this convention is free to act as it will. of our old-time friends, that never again would

convention may not. Neither Mr. Barker nor myself will insist in any way upon having any claim recognized srowing out of the 1898 convention, this convention is free to act as it will. The Sioux Fails Convention is int a Popullist National Convention. There will be a number of Popullist delegates in that convention, but when the Democrates under Mr. Bryan and Daniel J. Campau met in Chicago the other day and conferred with Butler and Allen and Senator Dubois and Gen. Weaver arrangements were made to take 5.000 Illinois Democrate to the Sioux Failst ouvention for no other purpose than to bol ter up that convention and make it appear to be a legitimate affair.

"Already the machinations are in force in secret corners to give Pobs a lift in this convention of ours to-morrow. I don't believe Mr. Debs wants any recognition at our hands. The Debs scheme comes from Bryan Democrats and our old friends in the Populist party who want to bedevil the situation. Mr. Debs believes that every two should stand on its own bottom. He represents a party which demands that the Government shall own every black-mith shop and shoe shop in the country. We believe in the public ownership of utilities. There is a vast difference between the Social Democrats and Populists, and our people could not accept the doctrine of Mr. Debs's follower. Let me say in conclusion that neither Mr. Bryan, Butler, Allen nor Weaver are fooling this convention a little bit."

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